

B1 Cont. transmitting accessed second control signals to said second apparatus, wherein said first apparatus remotely controls said second apparatus responsive to selected ones of said first control signals from said first remote control device; and

receiving, at said first apparatus, signals from the broadcast medium which are transmitted to said second apparatus as second control signals to remotely control said second apparatus.

B2 D 23. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said first apparatus remotely controls at least one said second apparatus.

D 25. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said second apparatus includes at least one of a video recorder and a television.

26. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said second apparatus includes a sound system.

B3 27. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said second apparatus includes home automation apparatus.

Sub C2 28. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said second control signals are received in response to a request from said first apparatus from said second remote control devices.

D 29. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said second control signals can also be received as part of a predetermined sequence from a portable storage medium.

D 31. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said second control signals are received as part of a predetermined sequence from the broadcast medium.

B4 Sub C3 32. (Amended) A remotely controlled apparatus, operatively responsive to first control signals and signals from a broadcast medium, comprising:

first receiving means for receiving said first control signals from a first remote control device and second receiving means for receiving said signals from the broadcast medium;

storage means for storing second control signals associated with a second remotely controlled apparatus operatively responsive to said second control signals;

control means for accessing said stored second control signals responsive to selected ones of said first control signals thus obtaining accessed second control signals; and

transmitting means for transmitting said accessed second control signals to said second remotely controlled apparatus, whereby said remotely controlled apparatus remotely controls said second remotely controlled apparatus;

wherein the transmitting means is further operative to transmit said accessed second control signals from the broadcast medium to said remotely controlled apparatus as said second control signals, to remotely control the second remotely controlled apparatus.

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34. (Amended) The remotely controlled apparatus of claim 32, wherein said first receiving means receives said second control signals from a second remote control device associated with said second remotely controlled apparatus.

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36. (Amended) A remote control system comprising:  
a first remotely controlled apparatus operationally responsive to first control signals associated with a first remote control device and signals associated with a broadcast medium;  
and

a second remotely controlled apparatus operatively responsive to second control signals associated with a second remote control device;

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wherein said first remotely controlled apparatus transmits said second control signals, to remotely control said second remotely controlled apparatus, responsive to selected ones of said first control signals as selected by said second control signals; and

wherein said first remotely controlled apparatus transmits said signals associated with the broadcast medium, to remotely control said second remotely controlled apparatus.

37. (Amended) The remote control system of claim 36 wherein said first remotely controlled apparatus comprises: